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July 2d, 1850.

Prof. HORNER in the Chair.

A letter was read from the Royal Society of Copenhagen, dated 10th November, 1849, acknowledging the receipt of late numbers of the Proceedings of the Academy.

Mr. Vaux announced the decease of Dr. R. Eglesfeld Griffith, one of the Vice Presidents of this Institution, which took place in this city on Wednesday, 26th June, 1850.

July 16th.

Mr. PHILLIPS in the Chair.

A letter was read from the Librarian of the British Museum, returning thanks for recent numbers of the Academy's Proceedings.

Dr. McEuen exhibited a portion of the charred bark taken from one of the trees in the district which had suffered from the recent extensive conflagration, and which was covered with a pink colored fungus, in masses somewhat spheroidal in form, and nearly half an inch in diameter. The dead and withered bark of the shade trees, of many species throughout the district, was generally covered with this fungus.

July 30th.

Dr. MORTON, President, in the Chair.

The Monthly Report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and adopted.

Dr. Bridges, after some appropriate preliminary remarks on the character of the late Dr. Griffith, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the members of this Society are impressed with unfeigned sorrow at the death, on the 26th ult., of their esteemed fellow member and Vice President, Dr. Robert Eglesfeld Griffith.

Resolved, That Dr. Griffith endeared himself to us by the uniform urbanity of his manner, by his remarkable attainments in natural science, and by his devotion to the interests of this Institution.

Resolved, That the Academy records, with pleasure and gratitude, its indebtedness to Dr. Griffith, for extensive and valuable additions to its Library and Collections, and, above all, for the donation of his magnificent collection of shells, on which he had bestowed much of the leisure of twenty-five years of his life.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be communicated to the family of the deceased.

On motion of Mr. Phillips it was

Resolved, That the Society, at the Business meeting in September next, proceed to the election of a Vice President in place of Dr. Griffith, deceased.

ELECTION.

Dr. James C. Fisher, of Philadelphia, was elected a *Member*, and the following were elected *Correspondents* of the Academy:—John R. Bartlett, Esq., of New York, and T. Charlton Henry, M. D. of Syracuse, N. Y.

August 20th.

Dr. MORTON, President, in the Chair.

A letter was read from M. Alfred Malherbe, President of the Nat. Hist. Soc. of Metz, France, dated May 29th, 1850, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent.

A letter was read from Dr. Franklin B. Hough, dated Somerville, New York, August 12th, 1850, accompanying the donation of a collection of minerals from that vicinity, and stating his desire to make further contributions in this and other departments, if agreeable to the Society.

A paper by Mr. Cassin, describing new species of Birds of the genera *Paradisea*, *Pastor* and *Buceros*, and intended for publication in the Proceedings, was read and referred to Dr. Wilson, Dr. Townsend, and Mr. E. Harris.

A paper was read entitled, "Descriptions of ten new species of Crinoidea, from the sub-carboniferous Limestone of Iowa, collected during the U. S. Geological survey of Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, in the years 1848–9, by David Dale Owen, and B. F. Shumard, M. D.:" which being intended for publication in the Journal, was referred to Mr. Conrad, Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Morton.

A paper was also read entitled, "Notice of fossil remains brought by Mr. J. Evans from the 'Mauvais Terres,' or bad lands of White River, 150 miles west of the Missouri, by D. D. Owen, J. G. Norwood, and John Evans," of which the following is an abstract:—

This remarkable collection consists of numerous teeth, fragments of bones, and twenty skulls, some of which last are in an excellent state of preservation. They belong to the orders *Ruminantia* and *Pachydermata*. For the present, the authors of the memoir propose to give only a general and provisional description, as the basis of a full report on a future occasion. The following species are particularly noticed.

1. *Palæotherium*? Proutii. These remarkable remains are thus named in compliment to Dr. Prout, of St. Louis, who first noticed them in the American Journal of Science and Arts. The generic characters, however, are not yet satisfactorily decided.

2. Another species is allied to *Chæropotamus*, and still more to *Ilyracotherium*, but is probably distinct. The bones, skulls, and teeth of this animal were found, with the greater part of the other remains, in a flesh-colored calcareous marl.